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HOUSE RESOLUTION 2004

A RESOLUTION

ON THE DEATH OF THE HONORABLE JAMES L. COOPER.

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1 James LeRoy "Jim" Cooper passed away on January 23, 2001 in Mesa at the
2 age of eighty-five. Jim was born on December 4, 1915, the seventh of eleven
3 children and a second generation native of Mesa. He was graduated from
4 Gilbert High School and attended the University of Arizona. He lived in the
5 Mesa area where he was a successful dairyman and generously served his
6 community throughout his life. He was a spokesperson for the dairy farmers
7 of this state and was instrumental in uniting them in the United Dairymen's
8 Association. He represented the milk producers of Arizona on the American
9 Dairy Association board and was influential in bringing about legislation
10 that benefited the industry.

11 In 1968, Jim Cooper was elected to represent the people of District 29
12 in the House of Representatives where he served for nine terms. He chaired
13 the Administration, Agriculture and Education Committees and was responsible
14 for employing legislative staff. His greatest interest was education and he
15 traveled throughout the state to determine the needs and strengths of schools
16 and then legislate and fund programs that would be good for the students. He
17 has received countless awards and honors throughout his life, but the awards
18 for his work in education had the greatest meaning to him. A "Learning Tree"
19 is planted east of the House of Representatives in his honor.

20 As Jim served others, his goal was to always be honest and fair to
21 everyone and to work hard to bring about good. Although others may have
22 disagreed with him on individual issues, he was respected as an honorable
23 person. He had a reputation for clean speech and high standards.

24 Jim gave credit to his staff and others who worked with him and thereby
25 acquired many loyal friends. He served in public office with governors
26 Williams, Castro, Bolin and Babbitt and was appointed by Governor Mecham as
27 a representative of Arizona to the Western Interstate Commission for Higher
28 Education, serving for eight years.

29 Jim served in positions of responsibility in the Church of Jesus Christ
30 of Latter-day Saints, including missionary, bishop, teacher and leader as
31 well as being a great friend and example. He loved to be with youth and was
32 a volunteer coach and helper in classrooms where he played the role of
33 "substitute grandfather" until he was eighty-two years old.

34 Jim worked hard and long and still had time to socialize, enjoy friends
35 and show interest and concern for others. He spent many hours in his garden
36 in order to share his harvest, including homemade bread, with others. He had
37 many friends, but there are even more who love and appreciate him for the
38 things he did for them and his good example. He was a dedicated husband for
39 over sixty-three years to his wife, Mildred Adelia Post, who was a faithful
40 and strong support to him. They have six children, Gary, Gayle, Morris,
41 Conny, Newell and Jan, and thirty-three grandchildren and fifty-seven great
42 grandchildren.

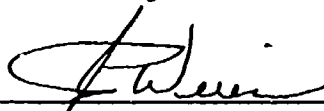
43 Therefore

44 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona:

45 That the Members of the House of Representatives express regret at the
46 passing of Jim Cooper and extend their condolences to his family and many
47 friends.

UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE

February 19, 2001


Speaker of the House of Representatives


Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives

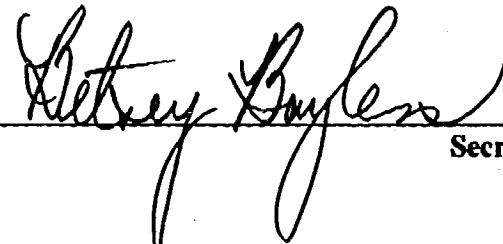
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

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This Resolution was received by the Secretary of State

This 20th day of February, 2001

at 9:21 o'clock A. M.


Secretary of State